

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above referenced application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Final Office Action

Claims 3-5, 8-12, 13-19, 21, 24, 28 and 31 have been examined.

Applicant's gratefully acknowledge that claims 10-12 have been allowed.

Claims 3-5, 8-9, 13-19, 21, 24, 28 and 31 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,874,057 to Deeba et al. for the reasons presented in the Office Action at pages 2-3.

Response

Claims 18 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice to claim the subject matter therein in a continuing application.

Claims 3-5, 8-9, 13-19, 21, and 28 have been amended to directly or indirectly depend from allowed independent claim 10. In view of their prior dependency on canceled claim 31, applicants submit that no new issues are raised and allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit their application has been amended to be placed in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. Should the Examiner have any further questions or require further clarification, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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